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For Immediate Release:

EIU MUSIC STUDENT TO PERFORM AT CARNEGIE HALL

CHARLESTON -- Eleven years of hard work will pay off for an Eastern Illinois University music student later this month.

Andrew Lenaghan, a sophomore English and music performance major, will play the clarinet in a wind ensemble made up of some of the finest college-level musicians across the United States in a national music festival at Carnegie Hall in New York.

Lenaghan says he found out about the festival last September when his director at Eastern announced it to the entire wind ensemble. So Lenaghan submitted a ten-minute audition cassette tape and received notice around Thanksgiving that he was selected to play his clarinet in the festival.

"I'm really excited," he says.

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Eastern Illinois University emphasizes distinguished teaching in the liberal arts, sciences and selected professions. A traditional, residential state university of recognized quality, Eastern enrolls more than 11,000 students in undergraduate and graduate programs. The university, located in Charleston, also serves the region through a variety of non-credit and off-site degree programs, as well as cultural and recreational opportunities. Eastern's pursuit of excellence attracts well-qualified students of an increasingly diverse population and a teaching faculty active in research and public service who utilize the latest technology.

The festival, which has been held by Mid-America Productions for the past 10 years, will be conducted by the University of Michigan's top ensemble director, Robert Reynolds, who has been noted as one of the top directors in the country.

Lenaghan, 19, comes to Eastern from Joliet Central High School where he played the clarinet under Ted Lega. The Joliet bands have had a long tradition of superior playing at national festivals and winning top state competitions.

While at school, Lenaghan plays in the Eastern Symphonic Wind Ensemble and is a member of the Eastern Community Symphonic Orchestra, both directed by Joseph Manfredo. Lenaghan also plays under the direction of clarinet professor Richard Barta. Barta is thrilled by Lenaghan's great opportunity, but takes no credit since it is only his second semester teaching his gifted student.

Barta says Lenaghan did this on his own.

"The more independent students are the better," said Barta. "I think it's absolutely wonderful."

Lenaghan will fly to New York May 26 and will stay at the Grand Hyatt through May 30.